

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Kosmas offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 343 and 344, insert:

Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 164, 167, 169, 172-173, 175, 177-179, 182-183, 185, and 192 of the 2003-2004 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2) of section 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services on behalf of the following persons who are determined to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

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27 (2) A family, a pregnant woman, a child under age 18, a
28 person age 65 or over, or a blind or disabled person who would
29 be eligible under any group listed in s. 409.903(1), (2), or
30 (3), except that the income or assets of such family or person
31 exceed established limitations. For a family or person in this
32 group, medical expenses are deductible from income in accordance
33 with federal requirements in order to make a determination of
34 eligibility. A family or person in this group, known as the
35 "medically needy," is eligible to receive the same services as
36 other Medicaid recipients, with the exception of services in
37 skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for
38 the developmentally disabled. A caretaker relative or parent, a
39 ~~pregnant woman, a child under age 19 who would otherwise qualify~~
40 ~~for Florida Kidcare Medicaid, a child up to age 21 who would~~
41 ~~otherwise qualify under s. 409.903(1), a person age 65 or over,~~
42 ~~or a blind or disabled person, who would otherwise be eligible~~
43 ~~for Florida Medicaid, except that the income or assets of such~~
44 ~~family or person exceed established limitations. For a family or~~
45 ~~person in one of these coverage groups, medical expenses are~~
46 ~~deductible from income in accordance with federal requirements~~
47 ~~in order to make a determination of eligibility. Expenses used~~
48 ~~to meet spend-down liability are not reimbursable by Medicaid.~~
49 ~~Effective May 1, 2003, when determining the eligibility of a~~
50 ~~pregnant woman, a child, or an aged, blind, or disabled~~
51 ~~individual, \$270 shall be deducted from the countable income of~~
52 ~~the filing unit. When determining the eligibility of the parent~~
53 ~~or caretaker relative as defined by Title XIX of the Social~~
54 ~~Security Act, the additional income disregard of \$270 does not~~
55 ~~apply. A family or person eligible under the coverage known as~~

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56 ~~the "medically needy," is eligible to receive the same services~~
57 ~~as other Medicaid recipients, with the exception of services in~~
58 ~~skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for~~
59 ~~the developmentally disabled.~~

60 Section 10. The amendment of subsection (2) of s. 409.904,
61 Florida Statutes, by this act shall expire on July 1, 2004, and
62 the text of that subsection shall revert to that in existence on
63 April 30, 2003, except that any amendments to such text enacted
64 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to
65 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent
66 upon the portions of such text which expire pursuant to the
67 provisions of this act.

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69 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

70 Remove line(s) 18, and insert:
71 circumstances; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; revising eligibility
72 standards for certain Medicaid optional medical assistance;
73 amending s. 394.908, F.S.; providing for